

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the instant application in view of the aforementioned amendments and the following remarks.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

The Examiner has rejected a number of claims in view of various instances of potentially indefinite language, and has provided various recommendations to amend these claims to overcome this rejection. Applicants have so amended these claims in each instance.

The Examiner further notes that various trademarks should be replaced throughout the application with generic terminology. While Applicants are certainly willing to cooperate in this regard, Applicants respectfully submit that they are unaware of any suitable generic terms for the trademarks used. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned or otherwise suggest changes to these terms to alleviate the Examiner's concerns in this regard.

Rejections under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-68 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) in view of USP 6,535,883 to Lee. Claims 69-104 were also rejected under 35 USC 102(e) in view of USP 6,167,523 to Strong.

With regard to claims 1-92, these claims express the limitation of a "rules library." The cited references fail to teach or suggest a rules library of any sort. Although the Examiner notes the use of a "template" on page 9 in the Office Action, a template is simply not a library. A template allows for the making clones of itself. The rules library, one embodiment of

which is described in Figure 9 and throughout the disclosure, is significantly different and not so limited. For example, a template may not be subclassed or take on different characteristics from its parent as may be achieved with rules from parents from entries in the rules library.

With regard to claims 93-104, the cited reference fail to teach or suggest the determination if a browser does or does not support regular expressions. The cited references do not, in fact, mention regular expressions even once.

Thus, the cited references fails to disclose or teach: a rules library; and the ability to determine the presence or absence of regular expression capabilities in a browser and provide alternative validation rules. As the cited reference fails to teach each and every claim element in the above referenced claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references fail to anticipate any of claims 1-104.

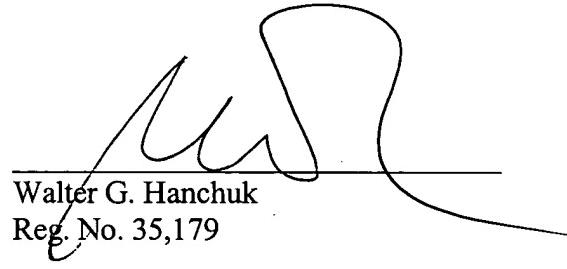
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-4500, Order No. 3553-4074US3. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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